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UP to 9.30 p.m., the Air Ministry announced last night, it was known that at least 45 German aircraft had been destroyed in renewed mass attacks on this country.

Of these, 40 were shot down by R.A.F. fighters and five by anti-aircraft gunfire.

Two others were brought down by a trawler. (See below.)

Ten British machines were lost, but the pilot of one of them was saved.

Scared? NO

JUST to show how scared we aren't by this renewed air-attack:

The audience of a London theatre where an opera was being played stayed on; a cricket match was not interrupted and the crowd remained; Trains and buses ran normal services.

A conference of the National Council for Civil Liberties at Central Hall, Westminster, carried on after a five-minute delay.

Oil They Don't Want

CRUDE oil bombs were dropped in a park in a western town. No damage was caused.

Me. in a Well

A MESSERSCHMITT 109, shot down by a Spitfire in a battle over the Isle of Wight, plunged through trees and dived clean down a well. The wings and tail were torn off and it fell.

The pilot? He baled out, came down in the sea, and was saved by a launch.

Anxiety No. 1

SAID a woman of eighty-three rescued from her damaged home at Ramsgate:

"I was trying to reach the cellar when everything seemed to fall on top of me, but I kept my head and stood close to a wall."

"I have got a bump on my head, but what worries me most is that I lost my top teeth and I don't know where they are."

"Play to the Whistle"

AT Tottenham Hotspur public practice match the crowd decided they did not want play to stop, and their cheers drowned the wail of the sirens.

Play continued until a policeman asked the referee to suspend the game.

Which he did. And the crowd bood—the policeman.

"Victory Loop"

THREE R.A.F. fighter pilots yesterday improved on the recent performance of a colleague over the South-East Coast.

Over a S.E. market town they performed a victory loop—much better than a victory roll—while their victim, a big German bomber, lay flaming on the earth beneath them, having been shot down just outside the town.

The pilots circled round until the German machine was burned out.

Another German bomber exploded in the air before crashing outside a near-by village.

Boasted Too Soon

THREE white marks representing the "scars" of British planes the pilot was alleged to have destroyed were painted on the tail of a Messerschmitt 109 which crashed on the South-East Coast yesterday.

The marks bore the dates 7-7-39; 29-7-39; and 15-8-40.

Painted on the fuselage near the tail was a black crow shedding tears, with an umbrella tucked underneath one of its wings.

When a policeman approached the machine, armed with a revolver, the pilot put up his hands and surrendered.

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Cold Steel Was Too Much For Italians

Cairo, Saturday.

To-night's war communiqué states:—

"An enemy working party about 100 strong was observed and raided in the Fort Capuzzo area by a small officers' patrol.

A detached portion was surprised and rushed with bayonets. Ten were certainly killed and probably ten more. Seven prisoners were brought back.

We had no casualties.

"On August 23 an ineffective raid was carried out on the outskirts of Khartoum in the Sudan by a single aircraft. There was one civilian casualty."—Reuter.

Germans Renew Air Blitzkrieg With Fierce Attacks

ALL-DAY ONSLAUGHT BY BOMBER WAVES

HITLER'S AIR FORCE RENEWED ITS MASS ATTACKS YESTERDAY. FROM EARLY MORNING SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND WERE ATTACKED REPEATEDLY; AS ONE WAVE OF RAIDERS DISAPPEARED ANOTHER TOOK UP THE ONSLAUGHT.

Until mid-afternoon attacks were concentrated on aerodromes in East Kent. Afterwards the enemy attacked aerodromes almost to the outskirts of London; other formations raided the Portsmouth area.

Eighty German aircraft were in the first raid—from 7.45 a.m. to 9 o'clock. Before 10 o'clock the second wave of attack had begun. Formations of 30 or 40 bombers followed one another over Kent, escorted by fighters high over them.

Over Ramsgate a Hurricane squadron destroyed three Junkers 88 bombers and a Messerschmitt 109. A Polish pilot destroyed a German bomber and a fighter.

A squadron of Defiants tackled 20 Junkers 88's and their escort of Heinkel 113 fighters. They brought down three Junkers and one Heinkel.

At least 45 German aircraft were brought down—it was reported that ten were destroyed in one place alone—and ten British fighters are missing.

About 50 bombers raided Portsmouth in the evening. Twenty aircraft got through the anti-aircraft barrage.

High explosive and whistling bombs were dropped in several parts of the city. A cinema was hit during a performance, and the gallery collapsed. Some of the audience were trapped.

Another cinema narrowly escaped, the bomb falling in a car park near. A furniture factory was damaged and a number of houses in working-class and residential districts were wrecked.

One bomb fell in the shopping centre.

A German pilot baled out with his parachute on fire. He was dead when picked up.

Two other enemy planes were brought down off-shore, and at least another eight are believed to have been destroyed.

London had two alarms during the day, after which the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security issued this statement:—

"This evening, enemy aircraft again approached the London area. The only bombs dropped were in the Eastern outskirts and fell in fields, causing minor damage.

"Portsmouth was attacked by a large force of enemy aircraft this evening. Reports of damage and casualties are not yet complete, but it is known that a number of buildings were hit and some fires were caused.

"Reports received up to 7 p.m. show that 32 enemy aircraft have been destroyed in today's actions; 28 by our fighters and four by A.A. guns. Ten of our fighters are missing, but the pilot of one is safe.

London's first warning was during the morning rush hour and the second in the early evening. Each formation of raiders was driven off by the intense anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition.

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Say, Folks, We're
Having a Warm
Spell—

A photo from the U.S.



CAROL YIELDS TO GERMAN PRESSURE

Turnu Severin, Saturday.

DRAMATIC LAST-MINUTE CHANGE WAS MADE AT THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE HUNGARIANS AND THE RUMANIANS AT TURNU SEVERIN, WHERE THE HUNGARIAN DEMANDS ON RUMANIA WERE BEING CONSIDERED.

After a communiqué had been issued stating that negotiations had reached deadlock, a new joint communiqué was issued tonight, stating that they would be resumed in the shortest possible time.

The previous communiqué was withdrawn, at the request of Rumania, just as the Hungarians were about to depart. It is understood that last-minute developments have occurred as the result of German pressure.

King Carol also agreed last night on the cession to Bulgaria of parts of the Dobruja.

QUICK SIGNATURE

The Bulgarian agreement will be signed during the week-end. A despatch to the German News Agency states that at yesterday's meeting between the Hungarians and Rumanians the Hungarian delegation handed over a fresh memorandum containing certain alterations in the original Hungarian proposals.

At the same time they requested the Rumanians to put forward some concrete proposals covering the cession of territory.

The Rumanian counter-proposal was declared inadequate by the Hungarians, on the ground that it afforded no basis for discussion.

The Rome newspaper, "Popolo d'Italia," quoted by the B.U.P., reports that Rumania has recalled all officers and men who were on leave and has cancelled all pending army leave.

Other news yesterday from the Balkans included:—

GREECE.—The official Italian news agency continues its campaign against Greece, quoting the

Albanian newspaper "Tomori" for further accounts of alleged "atrocities" against Albanians living in the Greek border province of Ciarnura.

TURKEY.—A vigorous answer to German propaganda attempts to intimidate Turkey and separate her from Britain is given by the Turkish deputy, M. Yalcin, in a newspaper article.

Those who today wish to separate Turkey from Great Britain must first eliminate the causes and conditions which rendered the Anglo-Turkish alliance indispensable," he writes.

"DANGER TO U.S. REAL"— MR. HULL

Washington, Saturday.

DECLARING "the possibilities of danger to the American Republics are real," Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, today appealed to the American people for united support of "full, adequate preparations to defend the Western Hemisphere."

Meanwhile, with administration officials striving to work out a method of acquiring Naval and Air bases from Britain, reliable circles stated they understood the Attorney-General, Mr. Jackson, yesterday gave Mr. Roosevelt, an opinion of the legal questions.—Reuter.

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CONTROL OF NEAR EAST

Our Navy Assures Allied Supremacy

CERTAIN measures taken by the Admiralty and the Fleet Air Arm have given the Government confidence about our ability to maintain supremacy in the Mediterranean.

As a result of these measures, and proof of their efficacy, the Government have cut down by nearly one-half the rate for insuring ships and cargoes in the Near East.

KING OF ITALY'S BANNER REMOVED

The Knight of the Garter banner of the King of Italy in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, was removed privately yesterday.

Trawler Hits 4 Bombers With 3 Shots

On patrol yesterday afternoon when German fighters and bombers came over, H.M. Trawler Arctic Trapper fired three A.A. shells. And this is what happened.

Two bombers were shot down into the sea;

Two others were damaged.

Nice shooting! The Admiralty described it last night in this communiqué:

"H.M. Trawler Arctic Trapper was machine-gunned by German fighters which were escorting a force of German bombers. The trawler opened fire on the bombers.

"The first shell burst between two of the enemy bombers, and it is probable that both aircraft received damage.

"The second shell scored a direct hit on another bomber, and this aircraft crashed into the sea.

"The third shell burst very close to another bomber, and this machine was seen to turn over and come down in the sea. There were no casualties in H.M. Trawler Arctic Trapper."

Proud commander of the ship is Skipper W. Hilldrith, R.N.R.

TERRIFIC SLAUGHTER IF ENEMY TRY TO LAND HERE

Secret Weapon Guards Beaches

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

A SECRET WEAPON IS WAITING ON THE BEACHES AT HUNDREDS OF POINTS ROUND THE BRITISH COAST. IF GERMAN INVADERS ATTEMPT TO LAND THE SLAUGHTER AMONGST THEM WILL BE TERRIFIC.

The Germans may suspect the nature of this weapon. But the way it works will come as a staggering surprise to them. Britain is now ready to meet any invasion. During the past week Mr. Churchill has reviewed the work of 10 departments vital to the nation's defence.

He is satisfied that the preparations are complete.

Here is the position in the different departments:

ARMY.—Well over 2,500,000 men are under arms. Guns are in position along the coast.

An elaborate system of fortifications has been prepared, not only round the coast but inland.

MINESFIELDS

NAVY.—The Navy is stronger than it was on the day war broke out.

Redepositions of our fleet have enabled us to concentrate on this island a much bigger force than at the outbreak of war.

Minesfields have been laid that will cause havoc among any Nazi ships that try to pass them.

AIR.—The Air Force has already shown what it can do with raiders. Our daily output of planes is now bigger than the Nazis'. In addition, we have regular reinforcements coming from the U.S.A. and Canada.

Our Spitfires, Hurricanes and Defiants are supreme in the air, but we have something even better than them ready if Hitler should suddenly produce a secret plane superior to those that he has been sending over.

Arrangements for putting up an anti-aircraft barrage round the coast can only be described in one word—terrific.

FOOD.—Regional food officers are ready to take over immediately the organisation of food supplies. Reserves of food now in the country are several times bigger than they were when war broke out.

If parts of the country should be cut off from the Government, "emergency governments," each under a Regional Commissioner, are ready to carry on all services.

Each Regional Commissioner has at his headquarters a senior civil servant from each of the important Whitehall Departments.

TO OTHER PORTS

PORTS.—If certain ports become unusable, traffic will be diverted to other ports.

RAILWAYS.—In an emergency Sir John Reith, the Minister of Transport, will take command. A committee of four, representing the big railway companies, will carry out his orders.

A.R.P.—The A.R.P. arrangements are in a high state of efficiency all over the country.

INFORMATION.—Regional Information Committees, with Local Information Committees for each town and village, will see that the population is kept informed about what is happening, so that there shall be no confusion and no panic.

BILLETING.—Arrangements have been made to evacuate people if desirable, and to billet them in other parts of the country. Special officers of the Assistance Board will give financial aid to any civilians who may have had to leave their home towns at short notice.

"France's Day" In Britain

THE KING MEETS DE GAULLE ARMY

THE KING YESTERDAY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME GENERAL DE GAULLE AND THE FREE FRENCH TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND. IT WAS AN HISTORIC OCCASION. TO THE FRENCH PATRIOTS, ASSEMBLED AT A SOUTH-COUNTRY BARRACKS, IT WAS A ROYAL RECOGNITION OF THEIR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT ON.

As the King and General de Gaulle shook hands, the Union Jack and the Tricolour were flying side by side on the barrack square.

For a time they talked earnestly together in French. French marines, in blue with red pompons on their caps, and men of the Foreign Legion—in khaki uniforms, blue sashes and white neckbands—formed the guard of honour.

On the barrack square were drawn up French tanks and guns and men from the most famous regiments in France.

The majority of the men were in British khaki battledress with their own regimental badges and the word "France" on the shoulders. They wore khaki or black berets.

The highlight of their memorable day came when at a march-past, with the band playing the march of the Chasseurs Alpins, the King took the salute.

He was told that the French Army in Britain has been steadily increasing in numbers and is getting more and more support from Frenchmen overseas.

Latest arrival in London is Col. de Larminat, Chief of the General Staff of the French Army in the Near East. He has now joined General de Gaulle's Staff.

Col. de Larminat reported to the general on the situation in Syria and the requirements of the French troops who have left Syria for Egypt, where they now form a combatant unit.

U.S. WARNS JAPAN

Washington, Saturday.

THE United States is determined to defend her interests in the Far East.

Such is the conclusion drawn by political observers in Washington by the revelation that the verbal note delivered to the Japanese Ambassador on August 9 was couched in unusually strong terms.

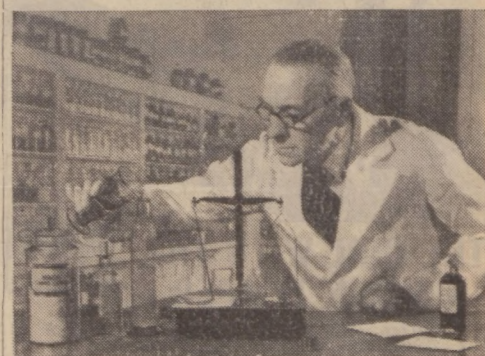
Since Japan opened her offensive against China in 1937, relations between the United States and Japan have rapidly deteriorated. The warning recently delivered follows other unmistakable warnings.

Included among these are the denunciation of the U.S.-Japanese commercial treaty, which expired last January; the speech by the U.S. Ambassador Grew in October when he emphasised the growing seriousness of the violation of rights by Japan; and the recent embargoes on the export of machine tools and aviation petrol, which mainly affect Japan.

It is believed, however, that the Government of Prince Konoye may give even less attention to American warnings than its predecessors.

—B.U.P.

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MINISTRY OF FOOD

THE WEEK'S

FOOD

FACTS No. 5

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ON THE KITCHEN FRONT

HOW TO USE OLD

VEGETABLES. Garden Peas that have grown hard through lack of water or tough with age, can be made into excellent soup. Rub a small onion through a sieve and boil it for half-an-hour with your peas in enough water to cover. Then add milk or stock or both to suit your own taste. A little cornflour, carefully blended, stirred into the soup, will thicken it.

Scarlet Runners. If your beans have grown too old and tough, boil the tender seeds—like haricots—with a good dash of salt and pepper and, if possible, a little margarine.

HEALTH HINT. Try mustard and cress, watercress, or even young nasturtium leaves instead of jam at tea-time. It makes a change; it's better for you; and it saves the country's sugar.

PULPING PLUMS FOR WINTER USE.

Pulping is an excellent way of preserving the plums, now so plentiful, for winter use. Pulping needs no sugar. It is a perfectly simple process: Just stew the plums thoroughly in a saucepan with a little water. When cooked, pour them into hot, clean bottles (or any receptacles that can be made airtight). Seal immediately with hot lids. If you have no lids, use two or three layers of paper brushed over with flour paste. For large quantities of plums, you may find it easiest to use a heated big crock. Either cork it or cover it with a layer of mutton fat or paraffin wax.

HOW TO SAVE BREAD.

First, you must curb your liking for fresh bread; always wait at least 24 hours before cutting a newly-baked loaf. Don't keep it in a closely-sealed tin. If you use a biscuit tin, punch a few holes in the lid. Brown bread is best wrapped in muslin and kept on a shelf.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, S.W.1

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THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN TEMPER

"MR. WILLIS—trunk call for you from South Wales—There's no reply, Mr. Anstey—shall I ring them again? Yes, I'm still trying to get your call for you—Is Mr. Simson still in conference?—will he please ring the Ministry as soon as he's free? Well, well, a switchboard's no rest-cure in wartime—and some people really are too snappy for words. Lucky I can keep my temper in spite of the rush and long hours—and the irregular meals. It's a jolly good thing I started taking Kruschen—I feel miles better for it. Who'd have thought that little daily

pinch would make such a difference!"

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

(1) Do you jump when a bus backfires? (2) Does worry bring sleepless nights? (3) Are you snappy? (4) Are the whites of your eyes muddy? (5) Are you puffed after running upstairs?

The first and most important step is to keep your bowels open and your kidneys well flushed. Kruschen does this for you in the simplest safest way, because it has a two-fold action—laxative and diuretic as well. First thing every morning take as much Kruschen as will cover a sixpence. Obtainable from all chemists, 6d., 1/- and 1/6.

"Go back to Kruschen for the duration"

AS HANDED SWEET SEES IT

THE Battle of Britain is no longer a Blitzkrieg. Its fury died down after lightning strokes from Hitler's air armada had failed. Mass attacks, intended to overwhelm us as they had smashed Poland, Holland, Belgium and France, were driven off by our unconquerable pilots.

Britain, for the time, was saved. That was ten days ago—The Day, Hitler's threatened August 15!

ONLY now, when the air raids have again become spasmodic, and when planes come not in battalions but like spies, can we appreciate the all-importance of that battle of last Thursday week.

For a few hours, all human destinies hung in the balance. If Goering's boasted air-fleet could break through the barriers, all perchance, was lost. Resisted, met and countered, it meant that, once we had established something approaching air parity, Victory was in our grasp.

Our airmen proved triumphant against almost insuperable odds. Civilisation breathed again.

THEY told me part of the story late the other night, in the house of one of the few men on whose constancy and work depends the final issue of the war. For a few hours, said my host, the calm of his manner lightened by a gleam in his eyes, "everything in the world depended upon a few thousand young Britons who seemed to think it was a game."

Instead of the words "a few thousand," though, he gave a figure which is still a secret. Winston, the day before, had put it in other words: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Hitler thought we should have to bring South the air-fleets in the North, did he? my host chuckled. "He thought we had left other parts of the country unprotected. The boys down Dover way were enough for him. What a day!"

Flashes Of Tragedy And Heroism

"YES, they treated it like a game of Rigger," put in another member of the party—"a Hospital Cup final, St. Mary's versus Guy's. To them it was a scrum."

"Men not allowed to go up behaved like youths dropped from the team."

"The Air Ministry has records, carefully typed out, of the conversation the boys exchanged when they were fighting. Wire- less picks it all up and it goes into the records."

"You should see the 'language and the jokes! It reads like bits of a short story dealing with a rag.' It gives in staccato phrases, flashes of tragedy and heroism that reveal how men can joke even in calamity."

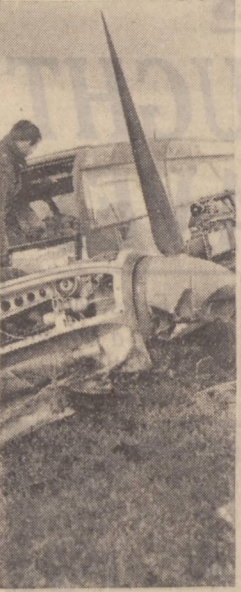
Yes, that day, Death enjoyed a holiday.

"Our boys were outnumbered four to one," put in my host. "But they won the battle. We were saved. Hitler had met more than his match."

Britain had proved before, in minor engagements, that her aeroplanes were better than Germany's. This decisive fight proved that mass attack could be more than met.

Mass Attacks Were Too Costly!

HITLER, no doubt, had meant The Day to be the beginning of constant, ceaseless hammerings. Counting his losses—he has by now sacrificed more than 1,000 aeroplanes—since June 18—he changed his plans.



THE LAST OF A RAIDER

lentless attack, more damaging than his, went on insistently. The damage we have suffered," said my host, who knew as much about it as any man in Britain, "is very, very small in proportion to the enemy's loss in planes and pilots."

The air-warfare of the last few weeks has not only reaffirmed our possession of unbeatable pilots, and also aeroplanes more than sufficient for our present needs, but that we have at least one all-general of genius.

It was not, told his name; nor, since I could not print it, did I ask.

That is for the history books.

THESE history-books will contain literally thousands of stories of Britons in their finest hour. One of them, which I heard next day, was that of an air pilot who remembered his dinner engagement.

Lord Beaverbrook, one of his associates told me, was hearing the story of an Air-Commander whose squadron had brought down 38 planes, and who himself had brought down eleven.

Beaverbrook knew from his own experience what that meant. His own son had smashed up over a dozen German planes. The day after, after day, he had watched from her home near the flying-field her brother go out every morning and come back, so far, safely every night.

"Ask him to dinner," said Beaverbrook, "and I'll get the Prime Minister alone."

All was arranged. A flying man, unknown outside one section of the R.A.F., revelled in the pride that he was to dine with our war-winning Premier.

Then, on the Sunday, Lord Mottistone, still remembered as Jack Seely the lifeboatman, called up Beaverbrook's house to say that an airman had crashed near his house, and that, when they had pulled him out of a hedge, apparently with a broken leg, his last words were: "Please call up Lord Beaverbrook and say I cannot dine with him tonight."

Britons In Their Finest Hour

THEN Clem Davies, M.P., told me how, in his constituency, the Germans, for some weird reason, had dropped bombs all over fields, not even killing a sheep, and how when he called next day at a farmhouse fifty yards from where two bombs had fallen, making enormous craters in a field, he spoke to a girl who lived there.

"Well, Elizabeth, you had a fine old noise last night."

"Yes," she said. "Mother told me."

"Mother told you," repeated Clem. "What do you mean?"

"I was asleep," said the girl.

I HEARD, too, of how our anti-aircraft defence had proved much more reliable than was hoped, and how, when the bombs dropped, our A.R.P. men and women had done deeds of heroism that thrilled, if they did not surprise.

A town, the ambulance women and girls were all out—not only the one-third on duty, but all the rest—so that there were too many of them. They faced blood for the first time without a tremor!

A typical story is told by the Rev. Pitt Bonarjee, a Congregational minister serving a church in a South Coast town.

"We often have two or three air-raid warnings every day," he said. "Yesterday, the second came a few minutes before our morning service. Not one of our worshippers moved. We began our service punctually to time, and finished it as usual."

"The raid was on all the time, and the all-clear was not sounded until we were about to leave. We had as calm and as beautiful a service as anyone could wish to have. There were some children in the congregation, but they were perfectly unperturbed, and listened to their little sermonette with attention."

"Should I have abandoned the service and sent everyone down into the cellars? A thousand times NO!"

"Then, an hour later, we had more sirens wailing, and soon it was clear that a heavy battle was in progress."

Calmness And Courage

"WE could see the battle clearly high in air, and heard the guns, and many saw several of the enemy planes crashing some falling only a mile or so from us. It was getting time for Sunday school, but the all-clear had not sounded."

"One would have thought that, after such an ordeal, no child would wish to come to Sunday-school and that no parents would wish to send them. Yet, within a few minutes of the all-clear, nine children and three teachers were there."

"A few days ago our Sisterhood was holding its weekly meeting when a siren sounded. About 35 were present, and the speaker was an old lady of seventy-five years of age. They unanimously decided that they would go on with the meeting, and not one moved. They had a great time."

"I could give you many other instances of such calm and courage. We do not wish to tempt Providence by doing fool-hardy things, but we feel that so long as we try to do His Will, our lives are in His care and keeping, no matter what happens to us."

I WAS walking with Clem Davies through the dark London streets in the early hours after a long conference.

"While we go home safely, Clem," I said, "our fellow countrymen are proving themselves the greatest nation who ever lived. And they are the greater because with their usual island indifference, they don't know!"

This Is The War Of The Workers

MEANWHILE, the other great story is one you know about—for you read how, in the House, Winston spoke of Beaverbrook's output of aircraft and engines, which looks like magic, and you heard perhaps on the air, Herbert Morrison's tribute to the ceaseless efforts of the workers, which has opened new war factories months ahead of the scheduled time. The speed-up, which started when Chamberlain fell, has been miraculous.

It is because of the workers that we have been able to continue battering Hitler's dumps in Germany and all the conquered countries, strike home at Mussolini in Berlin and Milan and deliver smashing blows at Libya's coast towns.

Because of them, we have not had to save weapons and ammunition for what, a few weeks ago was expected to be the invasion of Britain. Instead of hoarding every bomb and shell, we have had enough, thanks to the workers, for extensive raids abroad.

We have indeed reached, I believe, the turning-point of the war. No longer is Britain at bay. She is not only fighting back, but on the offensive.

Yet much remains to be done. You must remember that, in spite of convoys which still carry on their perilous task—and now they are being helped by high-powered guns at Calais and Boulogne, which are not only on them, but on their coast—our Eastern and Southern docks are no longer free as they were. More and more, sea traffic will depend on our Western harbours.

Ruthlessly, all the means by which they can be used, and approached, must be taken under national control.

Chamberlainites Still Hate Winston

BESIDES, the Government, although we must watch it with critical eyes must be supported with a greater loyalty.

You would not believe it, but some of the old gang still discount our national activities and remain cynical.

Not even last Tuesday, when

You Will Agree That Common Sense Is Uncommon

I FORGET WHO COINED THE EPIGRAM THAT COMMON SENSE IS UNCOMMON, BUT I BELIEVE IT HAS, IN IT, GOOD COMMON SENSE.

For every man wisely exercising it, there are forty who fail to use their talents to develop it. Common sense, tact, diplomacy, discretion—you may call it what you will.

As a whole, and unjustly for the whole, Britons have not earned a reputation for this quality.

Caricatures of our tourists of Edwardian times still pass as representative of the nation.

And fifty million foreigners can't be wrong.

Let us examine ways in which it works—our habit of blundering on somebody's toes.

FOR A START, LET US HEED THE B.B.C. OFFICIAL VOICE OF THE THOUGHTS OF BRITAIN.

Certainly, Nelson outspared the French at Trafalgar and Wellington landed the knock-out at Waterloo. Drake, too, finished his end at bowls, then wiped out the Spanish Armada as an after-thought.

And hasn't our Broadcasting Corporation recounted it, to the accompaniment of music and dramatic poetry?

Compared with ourselves, French and Spaniards are snail-beer.

That was the theme when the former were fighting by our side and the latter settling more firmly on the fence of neutrality.

Would you call this radio common sense?

"There are many more shining qualities in the mind of man," wrote Addison, "but there is none so useful as discretion."

ADD TO THESE ERRORS THAT B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL, THAT GHOST IN CLOGS, THAT TICK-TOCK OF THE DEATH-WATCH.

Gradually, it dawned on the radio big-shots that this dub-dub irritated. And did they hurry to change over?

Instead, their routine minds in the creeps of their tenet for unnecessary weeks—on a nation at war, needing notes of cheer.

Now, in its place, we get a bar of crotchets yielding neither melody nor good reason.

In previous experience, too,

he was delivering, in the Commons, an oration that thrilled the world, did cheers come from some back-benches still faithful to the Chamberlain tradition.

Indeed, later, in a club, a friend of mine heard two M.P.s snatching a criticism.

"I didn't think much of Winston's speech," said one, while the other agreed. "Neville could have made it much better!"

One day, the Premier may have to challenge all this even threaten an election, perhaps. He himself, just now, is inspired with a confidence which radiates everywhere else in the land.

His own drive is that of a Man of Destiny. At seven every morning he wakes up, puts on steel-rimmed spectacles, and reads the urgent communications of that day.

Impending Changes In The Cabinet

IMPATIENT of delay not only in some parts of the Civil Service, but by some of his Ministers, he recently invented a label inscribed in red letters with the words, "Action Today."

This only he puts on a document. When once it is stuck on—well, if action has not been taken before the day is out, a Civil Servant is retired or someone is dismissed.

No, I don't mean a Minister. It hasn't reached that yet. But no doubt it will, during the recess. Before Parliament meets again, I hear, several Ministers are to go.

Well, the War Cabinet itself should be strengthened. At present it is almost a one-man show.

Lloyd George should join it, and Beveridge.

And why hasn't Hore-Belisha been induced to fill one of the Ministries? Surely he is more efficient than, say, Lord Caldecote or more modern than Lord Lloyd?

And now that Anglo-Saxondom, Winston, like the Mississippi, keeps rolling along, and while we all agree with his final words, "Let it roll on, full-blended, inexorable, irresistible, benignant, to broader lands and better days," when are we going to solve India's problem and Southern Ireland?

Prices lower than before the War

There is no change in the delicious chocolate flavour of Rowntree's Cocoa and it costs less than before the war. Make sure you ask for Rowntree's Cocoa—the cocoa containing the Fresh-Food Vitamins. Prices: quarter-lb. 5d., half-lb. 9d.

We must be generous and bold. Spiritual forces are at work urging us on to a broader construction of human needs, inspiring us to a solution of many human problems which selfishness still complicates.

These are, indeed, heroic days. Let us all be worthy of the Hour!

probably you have listened to high-class orchestral concerts. After the finale crashed to its close, the applause of the audience was forced on you for several highbrow minutes.

And you have heard, at other times, artists, catering for humbler tastes, cut off in the middle of their turns.

SNOBISHNESS AND COMMON SENSE NEVER CAN BE GOOD COMPANIONS. TAKE THOSE FULSOME DEATH

By "The Philosopher"

NOTICES RELATING TO WEALTHY NOTORIETIES WHICH WILL UNDO SPACE IN NEWS BULLETINS.

A millionaire race-owner died recently at a ripe old age. The announcer, in orthodox tones of disaster, read his life story, which, these times, doesn't matter a hang.

Meantime, we wage a war in which air-heroes are gambling their lives, and notification of casualties is left to newspaper lists.

Such things convince one that somewhere at Broadcast-in House is the spirit of the old tweeded tourist.

For instance, where is the discernment in enlarging on appointments to cushy jobs of mere figureheads?

This can only embitter thousands who are losing their livelihood, at least temporarily, through the topsyturvy of war.

I grant it is difficult to judge how far Mr. Ogilvie's staff is to blame and how far failure in this simple diplomatic business can be traced to Governmental influences which have so frequently pulled the wrong wires in the past.

We switch, therefore, to the higher brand, the discretion—or otherwise—of diplomats.

A DIPLOMAT'S FACT IS TO DEVELOP FRIENDSHIP OF THOSE WHO, THOUGH MAYBE DIFFERING IN DETAILS, WOULD SUPPORT OUR MAIN PRINCIPLES.

[Many of my readers "got me wrong" last Sunday—as my postbag shows. The "Old Trash" referred to the old and obsolete methods of warfare—I should be the last to apply these words to anyone who offered his services to the country in this time of stress. However, I shall be writing again about the L.D.V.s soon.]

Vitamins Now Added To Rowntree's Cocoa

To Fortify Children Against Illness

FOLLOWING closely on the Government's announcement that vitamin B₁ is to be put into white bread, comes another announcement of importance to the health of Britain.

The vitamins needed by the body to ward off disease and strengthen bones, teeth, and muscles—the vitamins without which children cannot grow as they should—have now been added to Rowntree's Cocoa.

Contribution to Health

This progressive step has been taken as Rowntree's contribution to the national effort to provide everyone with the "protective foods." It will help to ensure that, in spite of rationing and higher prices, no one will go short of the vitamins on which truly vigorous health depends.

Let your family—and especially the children—have this favourite of theirs often than ever before! Every cupful of Rowntree's Cocoa containing the Fresh-Food Vitamins will build them up and strengthen their resistance to all illness. It will help to carry them through the second winter of war!

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Our Air Output Is "Astounding"

Germans Losing Race

BRITAIN'S output of planes was yesterday described as "little short of astounding." Mr. Churchill was merely being cautious and conservative when he told the world during the week that our production exceeded Germany's by a "large" margin.

Even if we had to start from scratch, it is revealed, we could match within 12 months the total air might which Germany spent four years in building up before the war.

It has been estimated that Hitler entered the war with 30,000 to 35,000 aircraft, including training planes.

So that if the Nazis are still producing 1,800 planes a month, as is generally accepted, it will be seen that this rate must have been exceeded by Britain by an appreciable margin.

As Mr. Churchill admitted, the race to equality in numbers has not yet been won, but we are fast catching up.

Present home output takes no account of American supplies just beginning to flow in to us.

'KILL STALIN!'

Was Trotsky's Order, Says 'Assassin'

Mexico City, Saturday. MEXICAN POLICE TODAY PUBLISHED A LETTER, WHICH THEY SAID WAS FOUND IN THE POCKET OF FRANK JACKSON, THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING LEON TROTSKY, THE BOLSHEVIST LEADER.

In the letter, the police stated, Jackson wrote he was impelled to assassinate Trotsky because the Russian leader ordered him to Russia to murder Stalin and other Soviet leaders.

In the letter, Jackson added that he was ordered to put off marrying his sweetheart, Sylvia, Ageloff.

NAZI FLIER WASHED ASHORE

Body of a German airman, wearing an Iron Cross, was washed ashore on the Norfolk coast at Sheringham yesterday. There was a bullet wound through the head and the body appeared to have been in the water only two days.

The King Inspects Free French



The King, accompanied by General de Gaulle, inspected members of the Free French Force training in England yesterday. Among the units was the French Foreign Legion.

TURKS SAY BRITAIN CAN'T LOSE

ANKARA, Saturday. BOTH in Turkey and throughout the Arab world of the Near East there has been a markedly increased note of encouragement and confidence as a result of the recent British air victories.

These victories, says Turkey's official newspaper "Ulus," have demonstrated that the conquest of Britain is impossible. "The great qualities which have gone to the making of Britain's Empire are clearly perceived in the present British determination to fight to the end and in the stubbornness which emerges, increasingly strengthened, by each new trial," the newspaper adds.—Reuter.

LONG U.S. DEBATE ROUSES SENATOR

Washington, Saturday. Calling for speedy action on the Conscription Bill, Mr. Gibson, Republican Senator for Vermont, reminded the Senate today that it had taken as long to debate the Bill as Hitler took to conquer France.

"No wonder Hitler has such contempt for democratic institutions which are incapable of prompt wise action in times of emergency," he said.

Senator Gibson tried to goad Hitler as saying: "National Socialism alone is destined to liberate the American people from their ruling clique."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Wrecks Arms Works

RUHR DESERTED

NAZIS SEEK SAFETY IN PARIS

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

GERMANS FROM THE RUHR AND THE RHINE-LAND ARE BEING EVACUATED TO PARIS AT THE RATE OF THOUSANDS A DAY. GOERING BELIEVES THAT THE R.A.F. WILL NOT BOMB THEM THERE.

More than 50,000 have already been moved, and the rate of evacuation is being speeded up.

Every available train and motor coach is being put into service.

R.A.F. bombing of munition plants, steelworks, aircraft factories and oil plants in the heart of industrial Germany has been so persistent and so accurate that Goering has had to order virtual abandonment of the area.

Few factories are intact. Many are completely smashed.

And the workers, scared to death by the nightly visits of the R.A.F., are showing signs of revolt.

Many are refusing to work on night shift. Others are getting doctors' certificates stating that they are too ill to be at work.

Nerves of the workers have been so wrecked by raids that Dr. Ley, head of the Nazi Labour Front, has had to issue an order giving the workers half an hour's recreation when they come up out of the factory shelters before resuming work.

Before this was introduced, they were so shaky on returning to work that much of the material on which they were working was spoiled.

Goering has also given orders that Ruhr and Rhineland plants must be removed at once to Upper Silesia, East Prussia and Czechoslovakia.

NO VISITS

In many cases this means the building of complete new plants, for much of the machinery in the original factories has been blown to bits.

To conceal the extent of the damage to industrial Ruhr and Rhineland districts the whole area has been made a prohibited region. People from other parts of Germany are not allowed to visit it.

People living in the area are also prohibited from paying temporary visits to relatives and friends in other parts of Germany. They must, too, be able to carry tales.

All letters written by people in the area are strictly censored. Goering is also establishing in Paris the base and headquarters for the German force that is being prepared for the invasion of Britain.

He believes that the R.A.F. will never bomb the former capital and that his troops will be safe there.

On the other hand, he calculates that if the R.A.F. does bomb Paris, as a genuine military objective, he will be able to use this as anti-British propaganda.

THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT MEDALS!

Fleetwood, Saturday. FOR GALLANTRY at Dunkirk, three Fleetwood deep-sea fishermen were informed by letter today that they had been awarded the medal of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

They are: John Jones (twenty-three), deckhand, of Warrenhurst-rd.; Harry Gawn (twenty-seven), deckhand, of Belmont-rd.; and Arthur Dunne (twenty-seven), wireless telegraph operator, of Hazel-dene-rd.—all of Fleetwood.

As all three men are at sea, none of them knows anything of the awards yet.

U.S. NAVY MAN'S OTTAWA POST

Washington, Saturday. THE Navy Department has nominated Captain Oliver Read as Naval and Air Attaché to the Ottawa Legation.

This is the first appointment of its kind, and is in accordance with the newly arranged Canadian-United States defence plans.—Ex. Tel.

DOROTHY THOMPSON

The brilliant indictment of Hitlerism and the grand tribute to British ideals, given by Dorothy Thompson in her recent broadcast to Canada, has now been recorded by "His Master's Voice."

It was felt by the gramophone company that a permanent record of this vigorous and heartening speech should be made available to the people of the British Empire.

The shortened form in which the speech was rebroadcast in this country takes the two sides of a 12-inch record, which will be sold at 4s. Proceeds from the sale of the record are being handed to the British Red Cross.

Bombs On The Countryside

RAIDERS' AIM WAS TO FIRE THE CROPS

GERMAN BOMBERS, MAKING THE MOST EXTENSIVE RAIDS YET IN THE SOUTH-WEST DURING FRIDAY NIGHT AND EARLY YESTERDAY, SHOWERED HUNDREDS OF INCENDIARY BOMBS ON MANY RURAL PARTS.

Presumably the raiders were out to set fire to growing corn. Generally they were well off their targets, and in most areas little or no damage was done.

Alert villagers, or members of the Home Guard, extinguished the fire bombs almost as soon as they struck the ground.

Many different districts were attacked in one area. Apart from minor injuries to two people there were no casualties.

Many are wondering why isolated, desolate districts are being raided so frequently.

Ordnance maps, showing the word "camp" near spots where most bombs fell in the latest raids, have led to an ingenious theory, that the Nazis are under the impression that these words refer to present-day military camps.

Actually they refer to old British fortresses—mainly earth works dating back to 1,000 a.c.

OUR £1 NOTES WON'T HELP THEM!

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF MY DRAWING ATTENTION LAST SUNDAY TO THE NAZIS' STOLEN BANK NOTES RACKET THE BRITISH TREASURY TOOK STRONG ACTION TO PREVENT THE GERMANS FROM MAKING A PENNY OUT OF THEIR THEFTS FROM DUTCH, BELGIAN AND FRENCH BANKS.

An order was issued prohibiting the import of £1 notes into the United Kingdom.

As £1 and other British bank notes can only be cashed,

ultimately, on their return to this country, this order converts into waste paper—until the war is over and the embargo is lifted—all the British notes looted by the Nazis when they invaded Holland, Belgium and France.

They will not be able to pass them to anybody in exchange for goods or currency of other nations, for anybody who received them in such a way would not be able to get his money.

British notes held abroad are now in exactly the same position as a cheque, the drawer of which has told his banker to stop payment.

There are known to be a certain number of £1 notes legitimately held abroad by honest persons. Special steps have been taken by the Treasury to see that these notes—subject to certain safeguards—are honoured.

War-Time Crosswords

ANOTHER £1,000 TO BE WON

CROSSWORD No. 212

THE Adjudication Committee decided that the senders of the most meritorious sets of answers on one square were the following fourteen competitors, who each submitted a square differing at one point only from the committee's decision (on right):—

Mr. G. Bladen, 88, Chesterfield-rd. North, Mansfield.

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Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, these competitors share the £750 First Prize and will each receive a cheque for £53 11s. 6d.

Any other entrant who believes that he or she submitted a square eligible for a share of the first prize must demand a rescrutiny

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Turn to Page Eight for another £1,000 Competition.

CLOTHES NOW WASHED WITHOUT BOILING



Save over 1/2 your washday fuel!
Make your clothes last longer!
Get the washing finished 1 1/2 hours earlier!

NEW WASHING METHOD MAKES ALL THIS POSSIBLE

A REVOLUTION has taken place in Britain—a quiet revolution, in the kitchens. Women have discovered there is no need to boil clothes.

They are saving their precious fuel, getting their washing done far earlier, AND making their clothes last longer!

The new method involves no boiling and no hard rubbing. The clothes are simply soaked for 15 or 20 minutes in Rinso soda that are slightly heated. Very grubby places have a little dry Rinso smoothed into them beforehand. Even the extra-dirty whites come out brilliantly clean.

Women who had been using the most up-to-date methods admit this new way is an advance on every other washing method they have ever tried.

They find that this Rinso method has all the following advantages:

They save over half the coal they used to burn on long boiling. Those who use gas save three-quarters of it.

Clothes wear better. Actually, tests carried out at the Rinso Wash Testing Laboratories show that shirts last

4 months longer, household linens 6 to 8 months longer.

A week's washing can be finished at least an hour and a half earlier and the work is not tiring because there is none of the hard rubbing or drudgery of the old-fashioned way.

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By saving fuel and making clothes last longer, you will not only be saving your own money. You will be making a real contribution to national economy.

Start next washday! You will find Rinso does the whole wash beautifully. It keeps woollens in the best condition, brings colours up bright and lovely. You need no bar soap, flakes or any other washing products. Rinso will do it all—nothing else can give you such wonderful results so cheaply. Rinso costs 3jd., 6d. or 1/- the Giant size.



War-Time Advice FREE

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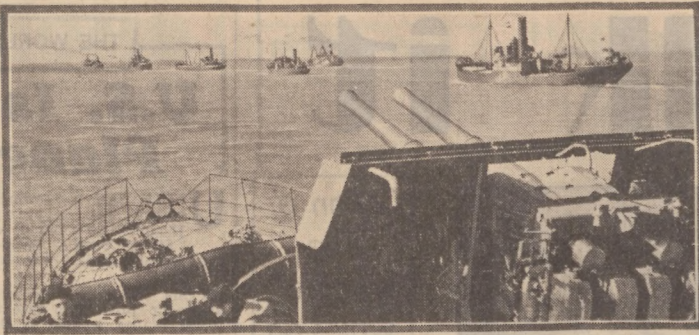
GET YOUR COAL ORDERED now!

Transport by Road and Sea may become difficult. There will be heavy demands on Labour; so the sensible thing is to order NOW. Your merchant will deliver as quickly as possible. And remember: if you can't get your usual kind of Coal, don't worry, there are other qualities that will do just as well. Start saving fuel, too. Here are four hints:

- 1 Sift and use all cinders.
- 2 Insulate (i.e. wrap with felt or suitable material) hot water pipes and tanks to retain heat.
- 3 Clean dampers and, if possible, get pipes and boilers scaled.
- 4 Use hot water Boiler only on days when it is really required.

ONCE YOUR CELLAR IS FULL... KEEP IT FULL!

Why Germany Cannot Win The War At Sea



A British convoy under naval escort.

CONVOY!

POSSIBLY the fact may have eluded the notice of some, but a great victory at sea is being waged every day of the week—a triumph that is founded on real manly bravery, which does not hesitate or flinch when tempted by death.

It is no new phase that Germany should be attacking our merchant ships which bring us oil and timber, our wheat and iron, our maize and wool. U-boats concentrated their attacks along trade routes during the last war, until the introduction of convoys gradually lessened the frequency and made the lives of submarine crews one long hazard. Today, while U-boats by no means are idle, the enemy makes his onslaughts especially from the air, not far out at sea, but often close to the land. His motor torpedo-boats have introduced an entirely new factor, yet with the approach of autumn gales and heavy seas we know that such comparatively light craft have their limitations. The present period is that of massed bombers rather than of independent submarines.

But why employ convoy formations? The system is almost as old as overseas trading, and was certainly used by the Romans against pirates when corn-laden vessels voyaged north from Egypt. British medieval monarchs fetched their

Bordeaux wine at vintage-time from the Gironde by escorted convoys, just as during the Anglo-French wars those fine old East Indianmen full of silks and teas, ivory and spices, sailed in fleets like well-drilled warships.

Yet the curious fact has to be recorded that during the last war so much official opposition existed that only gradually—and not till early 1917—was this ancient, reliable method again instituted. Fortunately, when hostilities once more menaced seaborne commerce in September, 1939, little time was thrown away in resuming the former routine.

And events have completely justified this attitude, as any Nazi submarine commander would admit. During the first eight months of the war—that is to say, until the historic date when Belgium and Holland were invaded—at least 64 U-boats had been accounted for. And that was pretty good going, since it took

nearly three years in the last war to account for a similar number.

Our vigilance gave the enemy a thoroughly bad time, and the convoys proved themselves an undoubted measure of safety for the following reasons:—

Instead of a single ship steaming along her lonely, stabilised route, numbers of ships proceed in company, with mutual protection, along a track that may be changed any moment as the situation develops.

Thus the enemy is kept guessing, and wastes valuable days, plus much fuel, gazing over an empty horizon.

The seriousness of this is appreciated when you realise that a U-boat requires about a week to reach, say, the south-west of Ireland from Germany, another week to get back home, leaving only about 14 days to operate on its station.

mutual support

★ NOTHING so much annoyed a U-boat skipper as to return with only a slight record of sinkings. For Iron Crosses were dealt out in accordance with so much tonnage destroyed. But, again, only thoroughly daring Kapitän-leutnants could risk diving beneath the escort line and waylay a column of steamers.

Except on one of strong nerve and cool judgment, the presence of so many sharp steel stems and revolving propellers was, and is, terrifying.

And immediately after firing a torpedo there would be such a series of exploding depth-charges, such a fierce hunting by destroyers or other fast vessels, that escape more often than not seemed a miracle.

In brief, by mutual concentrated support, by careful routing, this convoy organisation is the safest method so far devised by human ingenuity.

I was talking the other day to a member of the Merchant Navy who had been torpedoed thrice in the last war and twice in the present, yet has just gone to sea again after being picked up out of the "ditch." Similar instances of returning to the same dangerous duty are more frequent than many people imagine.

But a new problem for seafarers was introduced when the Nazis started their dive-bombing against convoys employing a speed and precision which could be repelled only by accurate high-angle fire, yet here again cargoes are more likely to find safeguard in a convergence of guns than from the fire aboard one isolated steamer.

Germany has instituted a desperate campaign similar in principle to the aforesaid U-boat operations, though differing in methods. If the bomb largely replaces the torpedo, the intention is aimed at our island nation through its sources of supplies. The argument can be summed up in a sentence: Wipe out the cargo-carriers and you will starve the hated English into surrender.

bound to fail

★ THAT is our great weakness—relying on materials which must come from over the ocean. That was the reason why in the last war U-boats assembled off the Western Approaches and in the English Channel, to ambush inward-bound steamers before they could gain harbour. That, under the present conditions, is why certain parts of the English Channel have been selected by Nazi aeroplanes to do their damndest.

But the scheme must fail because of two reasons. Firstly, our undoubted moral superiority in the air will presently become also a numerical preponderance. It is scarcely conceivable that German losses in the air can be allowed by Hitler to continue in such a manner.

Secondly, the amount of mercantile tonnage increased by receiving Norwegian, Danish, Dutch, Belgian, and French cargo-carriers has swelled our trading fleet to such a size that we can well endure all our trials.

And it is this aggregate amount of carrying-space which will decide the war, as certainly as our blockade is settling the enemy's fate. Victory for us registers itself every time a ship eludes a bomb; every time that a cargo is landed on British soil.

Multiply this by the large number of voyages being made, and you can see for yourself that if Hitler is going to beat us by starvation, he will have to live till he becomes so old as to be past caring.

By Lieut.-Commander E. Keble Chatterton

Considered objectively, the problem is full of interest. Many a puzzle sooner or later finds its solution. At one time we were all watching the contest of gun versus armour. More than two decades ago, it looked as if there could be no antidote to the Zeppelin; today, as a means for offence, it is more dead than pikes and crossbows.

So before long we shall have this bomber nuisance scotched, and then the enemy will have to think of something else.

Recently, public announcements have indicated that convoys are now being fitted with balloons, and it may be that this will baffle the enemy more than a little. If he is "put off his stroke" by having to aim inaccurately from a height; if he is compelled to look out for his own defence and avoid a danger—our wire, this might be the means of saving ships from being hit.

Much will quickly be learnt after a short experience. Perhaps the wire may have to be attached to a buffer for taking jerks and shocks, being allowed to work on a steel bar for use at either side according to the wind.

In the last war one used to see British light cruisers and destroyers going about with similar balloons, but for the sole use of sighting well ahead or beneath the water. Frankly they were rather a nuisance aboard any fighting ship, and perfection of the aeroplane has made them obsolete long before hostilities came to an end.

out of the mist

★ NEVERTHELESS, not six years ago I watched the French Navy exercising off Toulon with a somewhat large balloon towed out by a tug.

In the last resort, but especially if Germany finds these aerial raids against our shipping do not pay, I believe that attack on the convoys will again be made from the sea—by some fast and powerfully armed unit such as the Scharnhorst, able to appear out of the North Sea mist or night, fire her 11-in. and 5.9-in. volleys, and then scurry away at her 30 knots.

Two more Nazi battleships of 35,000 tons, armed with 16-in. weapons, are due for commissioning before Christmas, and these would be formidable foes for any escort to encounter.

Yet this might prove an unexpected blessing for us if it should culminate—as it most probably would—in an engagement and sequel, such as settled the future

of the Graf Spee in the River Plate action.

Germany bluntly announces that she is now blockading Britain, but does not add that if this blockade should fail to achieve what is intended then Hitler will suffer in prestige throughout the world, while simultaneously our blockading of his territory undeniably is exercising a most serious pressure.

Drawbacks and inconveniences arising from the convoy system cannot be denied. The movements of shipping are delayed, tonnage is not used to its fullest limit, and if attack should be made by any surface man-o-war such as Scharnhorst, the damage inflicted on many would be far greater than if the cargo-carrier were steaming alone.

an ocean base

★ IN the last war we fore-saw such a possibility by providing ocean convoys with armed cruisers, and battleships approaching the obsolescent state.

If Germany were able to bring next year some of her more powerful new, fast surface ships south, basing them on Brest, she could assure herself of an advantage never owned in the last war.

A fuelling station at the Atlantic, threatening our traffic coming through the Western Approaches, would indeed demand new counter measures and a regrouping of our battle squadrons.

She might find in such a situation that favourable outpost for the Navy of Kaiser and Fuehrer alike have longed, somewhere outside the narrow North Sea and English Channel, Her pretended friendliness towards Brittany, and expressed intention to see that the Bretons should own an independent province, will be considered, for it is worth bearing in mind that the greater part of France's sailors—most of the French naval crews—were the sons of Breton fisher people.

There can be little doubt that at the first opportunity, when the Nazis have rebuilt a strong enough battle squadron, they will seek out some base nearer to our shores and our trade routes. The next step may be to seize the Azores, or Dakar, as an ocean base both for harassing our shipping still further and as a jumping-off place for capturing some colonial territory.

German naval writers have always deplored the fact that their

country's expansion was severely handicapped by absence of overseas stations, that her surface raiders had nowhere to dash in for refit and boiler cleaning, that there was no rallying point for her cruisers.

Loss of the Camerons was particularly felt, not merely for itself and products, but solely for the number of Woermann liners therein captured by the Allies; but because of this strategic position.

Now that France has folded up, it will scarcely be surprising if the Germans presently seek with every effort to recover this Cameroon area, alike as a preliminary to cutting Africa in half by seizing the Belgian Congo and invading Tanganyika, but also as a threat against that sea route coming up from Capetown and Australia.

If once such areas as Dakar and the Camerons should be turned into fortified Nazi strongholds, the matter would not end with that accomplishment. The rich trade and heavy convoys bound for Britain from South American ports; the steady procession of traffic from the Panama Canal and West Indies, would suffer a fresh danger.

It is from the Netherlands West Indies and Guiana, that the United Kingdom imported most of its petroleum—even more than from Iran.

From the Argentine we obtained practically the same amount of wheat as from Canada, and far more beef than from any other corner of the globe.

It will therefore be very necessary to ensure that these Atlantic lanes are kept immune. At present they are too far distant for German aeroplanes operating from France, except in respect of the Western Approaches where so many trade routes converge.

U-boats were accustomed to lie in wait between south-west Ireland and Ushant, with more than hope that smoke on the horizon would soon reveal some home-ward-bound carrier.

sure prevision

★ BUT if enemy flying-boats, bombers, fast fighters were to establish headquarters at Dakar, it would need that our shipping must steer further out to sea, spend longer time on voyage and consume more fuel.

All the jealousy against Britain arises because our forefathers in bygone years, with sure prevision, realised that an island nation depending on its shipping must have its far-flung strongholds for naval call.

Germany's unfavourable situation in the Far East is by reason of England and the Australian Commonwealth, argue the Nazis. But if we could obtain a firm footing along the East African coast, we should be well on the way to hurting Australian security through the sea.

This same "Mittel-Afrika" aspiration could include also the determination to rob us of India, with all its wealth and all its harbours. And we all know what sort of conditions that German domination might thereafter impose.

So the whole future of our Empire, our exports and imports, our manufacturing trade, and our very existence depend on sea-power, which must not be neglected or weakened in any degree, whether in material or personnel.

rolling along

★ EVEN throughout whatever roads the Germans may attempt, we cannot afford to let trade be halted. We need these incoming freights so as to feed ourselves and factories, to keep the machinery turning round and maintain those products that are for our defence.

Not less requisite are those outgoing cargoes destined for the Americas and British Dominions; for whatever happens in war there must be exchange of commodities and enough money obtained to carry on.

Trade follows the flag, but it must not be allowed to lag behind; otherwise the enemy may defeat us economically, as he thinks he will conquer us by military forces.

Every meal that we enjoy, every bit of raw material entering the workshop comes now by the pluck and endurance of brave mariners. It is surely our personal duty to see that neither waste nor negligence will ever prevent fullest use being made of those blessings which our convoys provide for us.

The enemy will not be able to hold out indefinitely his fulminations may end with surprising suddenness. But we can keep going just as long as the merchant ships continue to run the gauntlet.

Our seafarers will never let us down.

WIPE OUT THE CARGO CARRIERS AND YOU WILL STARVE THE ENGLISH INTO SURRENDER. THAT IS THE NAZI ARGUMENT IN THE WAR AT SEA.

BUT THIS SCHEME MUST FAIL FOR TWO REASONS WHICH LT.-CMDR. E. KEBLE CHATTERTON, FAMOUS NAVAL HISTORIAN, ANALYSES BELOW.

A FOOD RELIEVES CONSTIPATION



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but a crisp, delicious breakfast food



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WHITE bread, potatoes, milk, meat, fish, eggs—our daily staples—contain hardly any "bulk."

These foods get almost completely absorbed into the system and the residue they leave in the intestines is not bulky enough for the muscles to "take hold of." These muscles cease to work and you get constipated. Purgatives give only temporary relief. Besides, they shock the bowel, and this may lead to serious harm.

Doctors today recommend All-Bran, a natural bulk food. All-Bran supplies the bulk that muscles need to take hold of—brings about normal regularity.

Eat All-Bran every morning for breakfast, drink plenty of fluids, and you can say goodbye to constipation for ever. Your grocer has All-Bran, 7½d. a packet.

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R.A.F. BOMB CASTLES, AIR BASES

MORE HEAVY BOMBING OF GERMAN GUN EMPLACEMENTS ON THE FRENCH COAST OPPOSITE DOVER, AND HAMMER-BLOWS ON ENEMY AERODROMES ALL OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE, WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT BY THE AIR MINISTRY.

The aerodromes were those used by the Nazis for raids on Britain. Widespread damage was done by both medium and heavy bombers.

Villacoublay, a large military air base on the outskirts of Paris, was raided in the early hours of yesterday morning and bombs dropped in a low-level attack were seen to burst across the aerodrome. A parachute flare released to illuminate the target set fire to a wood near the landing ground.

GREAT FIRES

Other raiders, operating nearly 200 miles away over South Brittany, bombed aerodromes at Vannes, Saint-Brieuc, Rennes, Dinard, Lanveoc, Poulmic and Guipavas, an important air base north of Brest.

In Normandy great fires visible for miles were started on the aerodromes at Lisieux and Caen.

In Northern France, two aerodromes at St. Omer and Merville, formerly bases for R.A.F. fighters, were attacked, and a fire started on the edge of St. Omer landing ground was followed by two heavy explosions.

Another raider, penetrating 70 miles south of Paris, bombed the aerodrome at Orleans, where one salvo burst within 50 yards of the main hangars.

Glisy, the main airport of Amiens and Beauvais, an aerodrome well known to travellers on the London-Paris route, was also attacked.

Gun emplacements at Haringzelles, on the French coast near Cape Gris Nez, were attacked for the second night in succession by medium bombers, which repeatedly bombed gun positions from heights ranging from 10,000 to 4,000 feet.

Another French target successfully raided was the harbour works at Dieppe. A wharf was hit and a series of vivid white explosions broke out, followed by large fires and flashes which could be seen for miles out to sea.

DIRECT HIT

British heavy bomber forces also paid their customary nightly visit to Germany, their objectives being an important benzene refinery and a power plant at Sterkrade, in the Ruhr, and a big railway yard at Mannheim.

At Sterkrade lines of high explosive bombs were seen to straddle the target. A direct hit is believed to have been scored on the pumping station and fires were started with incendiary bombs.

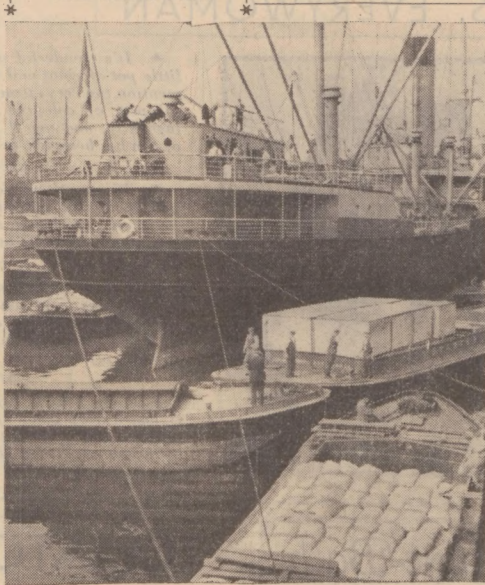
Ground defences which became troublesome to the raiders received a salvo of bombs, which silenced the guns and put the searchlights out of action.

The railway sidings at Mannheim were heavily bombed for an hour. Fires which started as a result of explosions in the shunting yard were still burning a quarter of an hour after the last aircraft left.

Eindhoven aerodrome, in Holland, was attacked shortly after midnight by a medium bomber whose pilot, coming down to 2,000 feet, saw his bombs strike buildings on the aerodrome and extinguish a lighted flarepath.

HOW'S THIS, GOEBBELS?

Britain's answer to the Nazis' "Blockade of Britain." Food—tons of it—from the Dominions being unloaded at the Port of London, which the Nazis claim is closed.



S. AFRICA'S SACRIFICES

Capetown, Saturday. SHORN OF CUSTOMARY CEREMONIAL, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNION PARLIAMENT WAS INFORMALLY OPENED IN CAPETOWN THIS MORNING BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, SIR PATRICK DUNCAN.

In his opening address, Sir Patrick said Italy's action and the general course of the war had considerably increased the danger to South Africa, and the extent of the military task before the country.

It was therefore necessary to seek Parliamentary approval for a considerable expansion in the scale of South Africa's defence expenditure.—Reuter.

Government Loans Plan AID TO FRONT-LINE TOWNS

A CABINET COMMITTEE IS DRAWING UP A SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE "FRONT LINE" TOWNS—THAT IS, TOWNS ALONG THE EAST AND SOUTH COASTS WHICH HAVE LOST THEIR PROSPERITY THROUGH THE WAR.

Details will be submitted soon to representatives of the towns for their consideration.

Theoretically ratepayers who have evacuated from these towns will be called on for the full amount of their accumulated postponed rates arrears after the war.

But it is doubtful if the local councils will be able to collect anything like the full sum.

BAD DEBTS

They will be expected to get what they can, however, and the Government will then accept this in settlement of the loans that they have made to the councils.

The difference—the bad debts of the unable-to-pay—will be borne by the National Exchequer, on the grounds that the towns are carrying a burden which is not of their own making, but of a national character.

Meantime, the Government plan of assistance is likely to be in the way of loans to bridge the gap between essential minimum expenditure now and the revenue the towns can raise from ratepayers and trading departments.

Before making any loans, the Government would satisfy themselves that expenditure necessary "to keep the towns alive" had been cut to the barest essentials.

MEDICAL AID FOR MASCOTS OF FORCES

Hundreds of Army and Air Force units, particularly in lonely outposts, have animal pets. Should these mascots fall ill or injure themselves, the men have difficulty in getting medical aid for them. Now the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, the largest international animal charity in the world, is out to provide such skilled help. They should telephone or drop a postcard to the P.D.S.A. Sanatorium, Woodford Bridge, rd., Ilford, Essex (Wanstead 0011), or to 14, Clifford-st., London, W.1 (Regent 6916).

NOWT TO PAY!

TOMMY WILL BE ABLE TO GET A WASH AND BRUSH UP AND LEAVE HIS LUGGAGE FREE AT THE TEN MAIN-LINE RAILWAY STATIONS IN LONDON AND CERTAIN PRINCIPAL STATIONS FROM TOMORROW.

These concessions were announced by the War Office yesterday.

They apply to all officers and men in uniform of the Navy, Army and Air Force, members of the A.T.S., W.R.N.S. and W.A.A.F.S., Home Guard wearing the uniform or brassard, and members of the Mercantile Marine wearing the official badge.

They must apply either to the Railway Transport Office or to the canteen for vouchers.

Heard Siren On Wireless

WIRELESS LISTENERS IN A COUNTRY DISTRICT JUST OUTSIDE LONDON HEARD YESTERDAY MORNING'S RAID WARNING ON THE AIR.

The announcer had stated that the next item on the programme was a relay of an orchestra from a London suburb, when the first few wailing notes of the warning siren were heard coming from the receiver.

Then followed the B.B.C. interval signal.

"The People's" Secret Service News

HITLER'S ENTOURAGE ARE NOTICING SIGNS OF RESTLESSNESS AND STRESS IN THE FUHRER.

He has been dodging backwards and forwards between his office in Berlin, the Brown House at Munich, his army headquarters on the French frontier, and Berchtesgaden, where he is seeking solace frequently these days with his great friend, Winifred Wagner.

Goering thinks that a wife would steady Adolf's nerves and make him less irritable. But there is no sign yet that the Fuhrer will abandon his vow never to marry.

REPORTS have reached London that Goering has sacked Willi Messerschmitt and several of his aircraft designers, has confiscated the Messerschmitt factory, and intends to run it himself. This is because of the way the Messerschmitt planes have been shot to pieces by our Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Actually, Goering himself was responsible for adopting the Messerschmitt machine as the standard German fighter, but in view of its failure he has had to find a scapegoat.

NOW a piece of not so good aviation news. When the Nazis invaded Holland they seized the plans of a new fighter that had just passed the experimental stage at the Fokker works. That is now being produced as the coming standard German fighter. But as we have a fighter in

hand that is far better than the Spitfire, it is not likely that we shall have to worry.

HITLER has embarked on a campaign in India to stir up the Indian people against Britain. So-called merchants of German origin, who have been living in India for years, are carrying on the work, underground and openly.

THE German air force is now dropping bombs on French, Belgian and Dutch cities—usually those cities which are renowned for their architecture.

The Nazi controlled press and radio then announce that the bombing has been done by the British. The idea is to create anti-British feeling among the populations.

Just how it started nobody is likely to know till the war is over, but the Colorado Beetle scourge, which started ravaging German potato crops in middle and southern Germany a month ago, has spread to Eastern Germany, East Prussia and German-occupied Poland.

A large part of the potato crop is ruined.

WATCH German moves in Africa. Hitler is planning to seize Morocco, and then drive southwards through Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Belgian Congo, and Rhodesia to the Cape, while Mussolini "drives the British out of Egypt" and seizes the Suez Canal.

Suspicious concentrations of troops have been assembling during the last few days at the French Bay of Biscay ports, from which the

African Expeditionary Force would set sail.

SABOTAGE is troubling the German authorities in the occupied part of France. Railway lines are being loosened, signals tampered with, telephones cut.

Food supplies, destined for transmission to Germany, are being looted from the railway goods yards.

Typhoid and foot-and-mouth disease epidemics have broken out on the French-Swiss border, and are especially virulent round Neuchâtel.

Typhoid has also started in Brittany, where the Germans polluted the wells during the fighting that preceded France's surrender.

GERMAN troops have already started treating French women and girls in the same way that they treated the women of Poland.

Complaints are being made by civic leaders to local Commandants, but never with any success.

No soldier is ever punished.

GERMAN authorities in occupied France, where rations are not sufficient to meet the demands of the ration-ticket holders, have found an easy way of remedying the situation.

The local military commander issues a ukase calling on all the able-bodied Frenchmen to report for compulsory labour service.

Those who fail to report have their ration cards taken away from them.

EVIDENCE has now been obtained that the "thrilling" stories of Nazi air raids over

Britain, prepared by Dr. Goebbels' propaganda department, and then broadcast to neutral countries and handed out to the neutral press, are actually written before the raids develop.

Some of them have arrived in America, over the radio and cable, before the German planes have actually reached the British ports.

SYNDICATES of aircraft workers in Turin and Milan have presented a petition to Mussolini asking for greater protection against British air raids.

They have asked that additional squadrons of the "gallant Italian air force" shall be stationed in North Italy to defend them.

The Duce has been unable to do this because Hitler has commandeered many of the Italian squadrons to reinforce his own sadly depleted air force.

GERMANY is rapidly taking over control of the Pétain part of France in addition to that which is officially occupied.

German Generals have been posted to such important cities as Marseilles, Toulouse and Lyons.

German Town Clerks have been brought in to run the civil administration.

GERMAN and Italian "civil air lines" are negotiating for air bases in Portugal and Spain.

If the deal goes through—and it is going to be difficult for those two countries to refuse—the Axis Powers will have ready-made aerodromes from which to operate their military aircraft.

"Keep Your Children In The Country" MINISTER WARNS PARENTS

TOWNS MAY BE BOMBED HEAVILY

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

LET YOUR EVACUATED CHILDREN STAY IN THE COUNTRY" IS A MESSAGE WHICH MR. MACDONALD, HEALTH MINISTER, PROPOSES TO ISSUE TO PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE LEFT THE TOWNS FOR THE COUNTRY.

Teachers, nurses, foster-mothers and social workers have already been asked to try to persuade parents not to bring their children back to the towns.

The warning has become necessary because 2,000 children are returning to London a week, and more than 1,000 a week to other towns.

Bombing of the country districts in South Wales, South-West England, the Home Counties and the Midlands has caused the new homeward move.

Parents are beginning to feel that if the "safe" areas are not to be free from bombing, their children would be just as well off at home, where they would have the protection of the balloon barrage.

But Mr. MacDonald intends to warn them against any such idea. The Government believe it is possible that soon raids on big towns will be intensified, and that with large concentrations of people much heavier casualties than hitherto may have to be faced.

In the country, although bombs may be dropped here and there, the population—including evacuees—is so widely dispersed that casualties will be comparatively light.

There is also the possibility that many parents who are now bringing their children back to the towns—to escape the bombing in the country—will be the first to want to move them back to the country if the towns are bombed heavily.

They may want to move them at a time when all the transport available is needed for military purposes.

Mr. MacDonald is watching the country areas that are being bombed. If it seems likely that an area now used for reception is to be bombed repeatedly, the children will be moved to a safer area.

EASY TARGETS

Berlin, Saturday.

German quarters in Berlin stated today that seven barrage balloons which had broken from their moorings in England and had drifted across the Channel had been shot down in France.—B.U.P.

NEW LOAVES FED TO PIGS

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

SECRETARY FOR WAR ANTHONY EDEN HAS INSTRUCTED THE WAR OFFICE CATERING SECTION TO TRAIN MORE COMPETENT ARMY COOKS, SO THAT THE TROOPS MAY BE BETTER FED, AND LESS FOOD WASTED. HE IS ALSO ARRANGING FOR THE A.T.S. TO PROVIDE MORE WOMEN COOKS—WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN PROFESSIONAL COOKS IN CIVIL LIFE.

M.P.s interested in this matter hope that will end, quickly, complaints they have been receiving from soldiers about badly cooked food, and from residents near camps and barracks about the enormous quantity of food wasted at these establishments.

Dozens of cases have been reported of bread found in pig tubs. Good loaves only baked the previous day! Sometimes as many as a hundred of them are found in the waste bin.

Fish, too, frequently appears in swill tubs, because it has been kept too long or badly cooked.

Half-joints of meat and big chunks of boiled beef have also been picked out of the bins, while cabbage, lettuce, beans, potatoes, all in an eatable condition, have been thrown away.

Messing officers, instructors and cooks are now being trained at Army cookery schools. In addition 80 emergency training centres have been set up, producing 600 trained cooks every week.

Army rations are bigger than those of civilians, and if properly used are capable of supplying the soldier with an adequate and varied diet. But complaints received by M.P.s include:—

Food served up cold, and unpalatable.

Too much monotony—too much stews.

Bacon served in cubes, instead of in slices; one man gets too much lean, another too much fat.

Bread is supplied in chunks—and is sometimes damp.

No variety in puddings, and tea brewed too strong.

These are just a few of the men's grouches. But they all tell the same story—the meals could be better if more skill and less wastage were shown.

Daft Officialdom TYING BRITAIN IN RED TAPE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

ALTHOUGH MR. CHURCHILL'S ORDERS TO CIVIL SERVANTS TO SIMPLIFY THEIR FANCY OFFICIAL LANGUAGE HAS BEEN WELCOMED EVERYWHERE, THERE IS ANOTHER TYPE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALDOM WHICH M.P.s THINK IS STUPID.

It is the mass of red tape with which simple everyday actions are bound at the orders of some Whitehall official.

Here are a few examples, which M.P.s are taking up:—

1. A butcher cannot buy a meat chopper without obtaining a Food Ministry certificate. The Minister, Lord Woolton, has promised to look into this, and to "get into touch with the manufacturers of meat choppers."

2. A motorist who punctured his car radiator had to give the garage owner his name, address, details of damage, occupation, and purpose for which the car is used, so that the garage man could send this information to the radiator manufacturer, who could then obtain from the Supply Ministry the licence to enable him to buy the few ounces of copper needed for the job.

3. Air raid wardens have been forbidden, even when bombs are falling, to blow their "take cover" whistles because the sirens have not been sounded.

4. A fire brigade rushing to a fire was held up by the Home Guard and not allowed to go on until the crew's identity cards had been inspected.

5. People who want to enter defence areas to see ill relatives are being turned back—because they did not own a car and

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Backache is a common ailment of the war. Nevertheless no patriot need suffer: let him take SHADFORTH'S BACKACHE TABLETS. The prescription stimulates the kidneys, reduces tension and swelling, expels uric acid, and has a soothing anesthetic effect on the bladder and quickly kills rheumatic pain. Price: 6d., 1/4, 2/6 and 4/6.

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CECIL HADLEY CALLING HERE THERE AND ANYWHERE ELSE

92, Long Acre,
London, W.C.

THIS is coming to you from Uncle Cecil, the newspaper nitwit, who has had his 2 lb. of sugar for jam.

And he made jam with it.

PINK - PINK - PINK . . .

Pink - Pink - PINK . . .

Pink-Pink-PINK.

You have been listening to the "Here and There" interval signal played by Uncle Cecil on a tinkle.

IT took me and four Mus.

Doc. (Cante) best part of a week to think that out.

WHAT attack! What

chords! What harmonies!

What verve! What a lousy signal! What?

OUR grand R.A.F. boys

do seem to be knocking

'em down like cockroaches, don't they?

It looks as if my old 'ollock

won't be needed, not to mention my sunflower.

Funny thing is that I have never

planted a sunflower seed in my life—I loathe the beastly thing.

It seems one of that small and

useless little bird was taking

home his dinner and on the way

he dropped it.

Time

Tells

YOU never know when fame

is at your side.

Some years ago when I lived in

a western suburb of London, my

neighbours were a musical family,

the father being well known pro-

fessionally as one of that small and

useless little bird was taking

home his dinner and on the way

he dropped it.

Wise in his knowledge that a

class player must ever be in de-

mand and sure of good engage-

ments, he had his son trained to

play the horn.

That son is Aubrey Brain, who

has now reached the pinnacle of

musical fame by being recorded on

a celebrity disc. He is possibly the

world's leading exponent of the

instrument.

ACHTUNG! Achtung! Yes-

terday a group of sixteen

Messerschmitts attacked a

squadron of nine enemy Spitfires

over the Channel. The British

lost 179 machines, and our forces

returned to their base with two

more than they set out with.

ACHTUNG! Achtung! The

Supreme Command an-

nounces that yesterday the Horst

Wessell squadron under Kapitan-

Leutenant Hut brought

down 31 machines. The other

49 were their own.

NOW for a prosaic little

sports item:

Northampton will again have

many well-known players in their

side. Among those who have

promised assistance are Morgan

(Coventry), Merrick (Birmingham),

Cummings (Villa), Moss (Villa),

Denison (Pulham), Arneson

(Coventry), Dunkley (Manchester

City), Billingham (Burnley) and

Haycock, Broome and Stirling

(Villa).

Which seems to avoid much risk

of any Northampton man getting

in the side.

We Know This

One By Heart

EN PASSANT (French for

"Gangway, please") we

are apparently in for the Arsenal

blat-blah-blah again this football

season.

Of course, you boys in the

provinces are lucky. You don't suffer

like we do down in town, where

most of the sports columnists don't

know the name of any other team

And The Great Big World Keeps Turning

"For half an hour last night

yesterday I sat on the terrace of

the United Service Club in Pall

Mail overlooking the green

lawn and leafy trees of the

garden."

(Newspaper Gossip Duckey.)

Tough, Mighty Tough,

in the West

NO reader who signs herself

"B32 H38"—We keep smiling

down here, even if our hearts do

occasionally knock out at twelve

to the dozen. We have stood all

sorts of nerve-racking from the

B.B.C. So what can Hiler do?

We are tough and can take it.

Love to Auntie Nellie (the old

man-chaser). She fainted in the

arms of a handsome Guardsman.

Is she? She'd faint at a pair of

trousers on the line. Would she

like one of my trousers—a dear

little gentleman's budget?

I think this reader, and that

other girl, "Sanctuary Maggie," of

Chelsea, have Auntie Nellie well

marked up.

An Old

English Custom

(MEMO)

FROM . . . County Surveyor.

TO . . . Towns Department.

10/7/40.

Ref. 321/XYZ.

Further to my message in reply

to yours of the 18th ult., con-

firming my message to you of the

12th ult., and now passed for

sanction, please note that the

tarring of High Street should not

be started until AFTER the new

white line is completed. This

should be by Thursday the 14th

inst. at the latest.

Please expedite the tarring as

much as possible when you get

possession, as it is intended to

take up the High Street for the

new drainage scheme as soon as

tarring is finished.

Tripe and Its

Proper Place

I AM not quite sure about

this bit in a letter to me

from friend Harry Schofield, one

of the characters of Covent

Garden:

Tripe, by one who knows how

to write it and in its proper

column (for instance, Here,

There and Any Old Where), is

clever. . .

I want notice of that.

Humour From

The Gang

"DEAR NUNCKS—Your re-

sponse to my B.B.C. card

were timely. Your tea-tation fit-

ting was one of the best ever. Myself,

I generally eat Dunder and don't

taste. By the way, by profession I

am a Coronation programme seller.

My business is not quite so brisk

just now, so I was wondering if

you could use me as an apprentice (part-

time)—Gangster Tompey.

IN REPLY

LETTERS RECEIVED—M.L.E. (Blackley), R.E.S.

(London, N.18), R.S.A. (Birmingham), C.

C. J. A. (Shepp)—With cards played 4, 6,

6, 7, 7, 7, the last only score 31—2.

J. P. (Edinburgh)—Buns are sold as

follows: 3, Ace, 5, 2, 4, Hime, Ace, 3.

O. R. (Baconite)—Two 6's and three 3's

score eighteen.

WALTHAMSTOW

6.0. KNOCKMANN JAZZER (4-1, 10-3,

20-3, 20-3, 20-3, 20-3, 20-3, 20-3, 20-3, 20-3,

Boon Fights Roderick And Spitfires

ERNE RODERICK and Eric

Boon, the British wel-

ter-weight champions,

will meet on 10 rounds at

10 st. 9 lb. at Anfield football

ground, Liverpool, on Sat-

urday, September 21.

Roderick's title will be at

stake, since the wel-

ter-weight limit is 10 st. 7 lb.

Mr. Johnny Best, the pro-

moctor, will be in the ring on

Friday. He will meet Boon,

who is now on leave from the

R.A.F., and contracts will be

signed.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET

HODDERSDON V. LONDON COUNTIES

HODDERSDON 108 (Gatfield 10, C. V. 9 for

84; Wat. 5, 6 for 68.)

LONDON COUNTIES

A. Sandham run out . . . 16

W. G. Grace . . . 15

J. O'Connor b Appleby . . . 14

P. Woolley c Armstrong b Appleby . . . 13

H. G. P. . . . 12

F. S. Lee c Wingfield b Appleby . . . 10

W. G. Grace . . . 9

J. W. L. b Ford . . . 7

A. Watt c Lee b Ford . . . 7

E. W. Brooks c T. Knight b Apple-

by . . . 6

Extras . . . 20

Total (for 10) . . . 300

J. Doughton did not bat.

BOWLING—R. J. B. . . . 5 for 41; Symes,

1 for 40; Ford, 3 for 18.

R.A.F. V. BRITISH EMPIRE XI

At Mill Hill.

H. Parks lbw Smith . . . 13

P. A. Smith b Smith . . . 12

C. S. Smith b Smith . . . 11

C. S. Smith b Smith . . . 10

C. S. Smith b Smith . . . 9

R. W. V. Robins b Clarke . . . 8

W. H. N. Shakespear b J. Doughton . . . 7

P. G. J. Doughton b Clarke . . . 6

H. Beder b Farnes . . . 5

J. Nye b Clarke . . . 4

Extras . . . 12

Total . . . 175

BOWLING—Clarke, 4 for 44; Smith 4 for

75; Parkes, 1 for 20.

BRITISH EMPIRE XI

L. P. Spencer c Cox b Judge . . . 14

W. G. Grace b Judge . . . 13

W. M. S. Bebbington c Moberg . . . 12

M. T. Bartlett b Robins . . . 11

H. G. P. . . . 10

C. B. Clarke b Beveridge . . . 9

R. Smith c Shakespear b Judge . . . 8

W. H. N. Shakespear b J. Doughton . . . 7

P. G. J. Doughton b Clarke . . . 6

H. Beder b Farnes . . . 5

J. Nye b Clarke . . . 4

Extras . . . 12

Total . . . 309

BOWLING—Sandford, 3 for 34; Taylor,

1 for 72; Morris, 1 for 70.

Scots Guards 184 for 5 (B. D. Carris 93).

ALDERSHOT MANIC 265 for 6 (C.

Adair 61, H. V. Valentine 53, J. C. S. M.

Brown 51); District 116 for 6.

CLUB CRICKET

Balling 200 for 7 (C. D. B. 81).

Cobham 187 for 7 (C. D. B. 81).

Chichester 183 for 7 (C. D. B. 81).

Malvern 44 for 7 (C. D. B. 81).

Polstead 215 for 5 (C. D. B. 81).

Parsons Green 181 for 5 (C. D. B. 81).

Highgate 228 for 6 (C. D. B. 81).

Chichester 183 for 7 (C. D. B. 81).

Fitchley 195 for 6 (C. D. B. 81).

Harrow Town 200 for 5 (C. D. B. 81).

Chichester 183 for 7 (C. D. B. 81).

South Woodford 187 for 5 (C. D. B. 81).

North Woodford 187 for 5 (C. D. B. 81).

North Woodford 187 for 5 (C. D. B. 81).

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"SACK OLD DIRECTORS; CUT OUT WASTE; SOVERHAUL Muddled METHODS AND THE RAILWAYS WILL NOT NEED TO INCREASE FARES."

This is the blunt suggestion to be put by objectors this week when the companies press their demand before the Ministry of Transport Consultative Committee for a further £15,000,000 a year increase in passenger fares and goods rates.

Scores of organisations and local government bodies, including the L.C.C. and some London Borough Councils, are opposing the increase.

Civil servants, trade unionists, city black-coated workers, postmen, co-operators, railway and bus passengers, manufacturers, and shopkeepers will be represented at the inquiry.

Trade unions, Labour Parties and co-operative societies of the London area are putting forward a joint case and will be represented by counsel.

STATE CONTROL

One of the first proposals that will be put to the Committee is that it should adjourn for a fortnight, for the Government may give consideration to the whole question in general and particularly three suggestions—

That the railways should all be taken over by the State, under a thorough nationalisation scheme.

The agreement guaranteeing the companies £40,000,000 a year profit should be cancelled and replaced by one which limits their profits to a lower figure.

An Economy Act Committee should be set up to cut out the dead wood from the railway system, sack a large proportion of the directors, eliminate muddle, stop the running of empty wagons millions of miles a year, and generally take measures to save the £15,000,000 instead of demanding it from the railway users.

The objectors will point out that if the railway companies get their way, every hundredweight of coal, every pound of butter, every joint of meat and every loaf of bread will have to pay increased transport charges, with the result that there will be an all-round increase in the cost of living.

SPANISH-GERMAN AIR SERVICE

Some radio reports that an air service agreement between Germany and Spain was signed yesterday in Madrid.

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THEY WISH IT WERE NO WORSE!



This is a sample of how the Nazis try to undertake the enormous damage caused by the R.A.F. in Germany—by circulating pictures like this, which show only mild versions of the havoc.

INVASION GAMBLE

IS OFF, SO WHERE NOW?

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

PERHAPS NOBODY IS LESS CERTAIN OF HITLER'S NEXT MOVE THAN THE FUEHRER HIMSELF. BUT HE IS BOUND TO MAKE ONE, AND MAKE IT SOON. HE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT.

Information reaching me from well-informed neutral sources is to the effect that Hitler may decide to strike at Egypt rather than attempt an invasion of Britain this year.

I can reveal that there is grave concern among the Axis leaders over the failure of Goering's air force, the Luftwaffe, to achieve any important results by attack on these islands; over recent developments in the Balkans; and over the growing serious shortage of fuel and lubricating oil both in Germany and Italy.

The Nazi High Command now realises that a successful invasion of Britain is barely within the bounds of possibility, and my informants believe that it dare not risk so desperate a gamble.

WARNING TO HITLER

Meanwhile, however, Mussolini has sent an SOS to his "senior partner," for he, too, finds himself in a precarious position.

Hitler's Service chiefs and Mussolini both realise the vital need to gain an early success elsewhere if the invasion of Britain has to be "called off."

The actual number of Nazi planes which have "failed to return" to Germany is not far short of double the number claimed by our Air Ministry.

One reliable estimate, made after considering the vast amount of groundwork necessary to attack which has been made by air armadas of 600 or 1,000 machines, puts the total operative loss to the Luftwaffe at 30 per cent. of the effective engaged and nearly 50 per cent. of the personnel.

This latter figure may seem high, but it has to be remembered that there has been a heavy loss of bombers with their crews. These losses have certainly skimmed the cream of German air force morale.

The successful R.A.F. raids on Channel ports, aerodromes, oil refineries and other military objectives have not only done stupendous material damage, but have put many bases "out of bounds" for the Nazi war plan.

SUEZ PLUMS

The free use of all such bases is necessary to invasion. Moreover repeated destruction after repeated attempts at repair has developed a new type of fatalistic "inferiority complex" in the executive—the man who actually does the job.

The intensified British defence programme, plus the Luftwaffe losses, make it doubtful whether the Nazi army is strong enough to drive the invasion home unless Britain is first considerably weakened elsewhere.

The High Command point out (bitterly) that at least 600,000 first line troops are needed to keep down trouble at home apart from the forces maintained in occupied countries.

4—An attack elsewhere must be made while the Reich still has enough oil for a major offensive. It has been pressed home to Hitler

that the quality of Nazi aviation spirit and lubrication oil is deteriorating.

Rumania cannot make good enough of their shortages. Transport difficulties are increasing, and though a pipeline is now being built through Hungary, this will not be ready for use for at least two years.

5.—In view of these facts both Mussolini and the Nazi High Command recommend a joint Nazi-Fascist attack in great force through Egypt, with a view to securing control of the Suez Canal and opening the road through Palestine to the oil supplies of Iraq and Persia.

Falling complete success in this attack, a desperate attempt to wreck the Canal may be made in order to isolate the British Navy in the Mediterranean.

It is I believe, to force Hitler's hand that Italy has revived the tension in Greece.

But there is not one of these factors of which the British Cabinet is not aware.

Before any Nazi plan to attack Egypt can be put into effect, Hitler must first clear the Balkan front. Not for nothing did Mr. Churchill refer to German preoccupation with the Russian air force—which implied Russian moans.

Germany's "high pressure" diplomacy is still receiving severe setbacks in the Balkans. The attempted "carve-up" of Rumania is not working out as Berlin had planned.

NOT BLUFFED

Moreover, through every other Balkan development the most important Nazi aim has been consistently foiled—the control of the Dardanelles.

The political moves that were responsible for this are well known to all those affected. It is also significant that Moscow has now demanded the immediate repatriation of the 90,000 Germans in Bessarabia.

Bulgaria, having secured her share of the Dobruja after her statesmen had visited Hitler, has now swung over to the Soviet as the result of strong pro-Slav propaganda, which developed almost overnight.

Realising that Russia cannot now be bluffed into allowing any Nazi advance, and that the attempt to divide Russia and Turkey was also foiled, the Nazi-Fascist designs on Egypt become more obvious.

But any attempted invasion of Egypt—with the intention of "bypassing" Russia and Turkey—has long been prepared against, whether it were to take the form of a single thrust through Libya or of a pincers movement from Greece.

On her side Turkey realises fully the threat to herself in the Dardanelles if the Italians or Germans were to take Salonika so as to link up Italy with the fortified Dodecanese islands in order to have that second base to attack Suez and Palestine. The Ankara government has taken all necessary precautions.

All these factors are increasing Hitler's difficulties, but his two greatest nightmares remain—the British Navy in the south, which has taken the measure of the Italian fleet, and the possibility that any active German move to the south might supply the very opportunity which the R.A.F. and military forces stationed in Britain may be waiting for.

850 Were Saved

Plane Aid In Rescue

THE ADMIRALTY REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT A SUNDERLAND FLYING BOAT PLAYED A LARGE PART IN THE RESCUE BY THE CANADIAN DESTROYER ST. LAURENT OF SURVIVORS FROM THE ARANDORA STAR.

The flying boat guided the destroyer to where the survivors were crowded in lifeboats or clinging to rafts and wreckage.

As a result, 850 were rescued out of a total of 1,990 persons on board the Arandora Star when she was torpedoed by a U-boat.

ALL BOATS OUT

The St. Laurent (Commander H. G. de Woll, R.C.N.) covered 84 miles in under three hours when ordered to go to the rescue.

She sighted on her way the Sunderland flying boat "which was of great assistance in pointing out crowded lifeboats or individual survivors," the Admiralty stated.

For two or three miles the sea was littered with lifeboats, rafts and wreckage to which men were clinging singly or in small groups.

"The St. Laurent stopped in the middle of this area and all her boats were sent away at once, with instructions to pick up individuals and those who had poor support."

Meanwhile the destroyer manoeuvred among the rafts and heavier wreckage, picking up groups of three or four survivors.

The commanding officer of the St. Laurent has recorded that this part of the work was painfully slow, since very few of the survivors were able to help themselves to any extent.

Many cases it was necessary for a man to be hoisted from the destroyer to pass a line round them so that they could be hoisted bodily aboard," the Admiralty stated.

SURVIVORS' GRATITUDE

The Arandora Star's power lifeboat made four trips to the destroyer and brought more than a hundred men to safety.

Within four hours more than 850 survivors had been embarked. The flying boat reported that no more were in sight and returned to its base.

The great majority of the survivors were German and Italian internees. They generally appeared grateful for the care they received, and many of them made every effort to assist.

NAZI LEADER KILLED

Vichy, Saturday. The head of the German minority in Rumania, Herr Paucelius, was among the 20 persons killed in the crash of a Bucharest-Vienna aeroplane yesterday, stated a Bucharest despatch to the Havas news agency.—Reuter.

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BIG FIGHTER GIFT

A GIFT OF £250,000 BY MR. J. W. MCCONNELL, PROPRIETOR OF THE "MONTREAL DAILY STAR," TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT TO BE KNOWN AS THE MCCONNELL SQUADRON, WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The gift, said Lord Beaverbrook, is made after consultation with the Canadian Government, and the money will be used to provide increased consignments of aircraft from Canada.

A "one wing and eight machine-guns fund" has been started by the villagers of Long Melford (Suffolk), as the community is too small to buy a complete Spitfire plane for the nation.

They want other villages to buy other parts for a "rural villages" Spitfire.

Mrs. J. H. Keene, of Galleywood, near Chelmsford, a millionaire's widow, yesterday gave the Mayor of Chelmsford £5,000 to buy one of the flight of Spitfires for which Chelmsford is raising £15,000.

Another gift received was a postal order for 1s. 6d. from a mother and daughter "instead of going to the pictures last night."

WIDOWS' HELP

Steepleage, in Hertfordshire, with just over 5,000 inhabitants, has launched a Spitfire fund, and has challenged the neighbouring town of Hitchin, with 15,000 people, in a race to be first in buying a plane.

Spitfires bought by the Men of Kent and Kentish Men Fund are to bear the county emblem, a white horse rampant.

A Palmers Green widow has given her wedding ring and a violin to Southgate Spitfire Fund.

All sections of the General Electric Co. Ltd., are combining to buy a Spitfire, and a number of subscriptions have been received from members of the firm now in the Forces.

OTHER GIFTS

The people of Guildford (Surrey) have, in 12 days, subscribed enough to buy their first Spitfire. Contributions received yesterday brought the fund up to £8,000.

The Northern Ireland Spitfire Fund, inaugurated by the "Belfast Telegraph," has reached £35,000—seven Spitfires in two weeks.

Other gifts for Spitfires announced by the Minister of Aircraft Production yesterday were £5,000 from the Anglo-Maltese League, Malta; £5,000 from directors and staff of the English Sewing Cotton Ltd.; £5,000 from supervisors and staff of Reading Telephone Exchange.

Miners of Bolsover Colliery, Derbyshire, have decided to allocate a penny in every shilling earned, towards the cost of buying three Spitfires.

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GERMANS TWICE BEATEN BACK

Those that appeared over the London area in the second raid were attacked so fiercely by Spitfires that, although there were at least 30 of them, they were driven out of the district without dropping bombs.

They came from the south, and as they appeared over the Thames in arrowhead formation they were met by a terrific anti-aircraft barrage which grew more and more accurate and intense.

The gunfire was more than the Germans could stand, and the formation began to break up. In their efforts to escape, some of the planes dived so low over roofs that the Home Guards took "pot shots" at them.

British fighters met an enemy formation 20,000 ft. up over a town in the south-

east, and for 20 minutes there were furious dogfights. A Heinkel was shot down near a village in a coastal area. It broke through the clouds in a spiral and crashed behind a hill.

A few seconds later a great column of smoke rose, and the British fighter which had shot the Heinkel down swooped over the wreckage before climbing back to engage another raider.

The German fighter was brought down in a village some miles away. The pilot escaped in a parachute and drifted for miles.

An eye-witness said that an anti-aircraft barrage hit one of twelve bombers which tried to attack over the South East coast area, and the plane crashed and blew itself up with its own load of bombs.

When a Spitfire brought another bomber down the pilot of the fighter landed a few miles away and drove back to the spot in a commandeered car.

He drove three of the German crew to hospital. Two others were taken prisoner by anti-aircraft gunners.

In a statement on the earlier operations the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security said:—

"This morning Dover was attacked by gunfire from the French coast, resulting in slight damage to houses and a few casualties.

"Later, the enemy directed attacks from the air on Dover and Ramsgate. Little damage was done at Dover, but at Ramsgate some buildings were hit, including a gas-

works. Some persons were killed and injured.

"Attacks were also made on an R.A.F. aerodrome at Manston, near Ramsgate, where considerable damage was done to buildings.

"Reports so far received show that during these operations 10 more enemy aircraft were brought down, one by A.A. gunfire. "This brings the total so far today to 13.

"One of our aircraft was lost, but the pilot is safe." Residential property suffered heavily in the attack on Ramsgate. Waves of German bombers and fighters were met by a terrific A.A. barrage as they crossed the coast. They scattered and dropped a large number of high explosive and a few incendiary bombs in all parts of the town.